

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, August 1888, with transcript

Copy of a letter written by A. Graham Bell to Mabel (Hubbard) Bell August, 1888. Dear May:

Still in Bovlant Harbor. Had a narrow escape during the storm of wrecking the poor Alexandra. Six feet further and we would have been aground. The wind was so strong that she dragged three anchors — one of them such a heavy anchor that we could not lift it to try our luck in sailing. So we drifted till only six feet remained to us — and we began to stow away gun-case, camera and wraps so that they might not be wet when the inevitable shock came.

At last we thought of the long chain on board. We attached bits of rope to the end and Mr. McCurdy went on shore with the rope and succeeded in getting the end fast to a wharf — then by fastening one of the anchors to the stern we succeeded in pulling her up near
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